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DIRIGO

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Published by the Senior Class of Solon High School, Solon, Maine

In Memoriam

In memory of William Baiko. William Baiko came to Solon Consolidated School from New York, where he enrolled in the third grade.

Dedication

The senior class of 1962 proudly and sincerely dedicates this edition of the Dirigo to our parents. We are grateful for the help and co-operation they have given us during our four years of high school. We extend our very best wishes to our Parents.

Careers in Education and in Science

"We cannot afford to lose another year in mounting a national effort to eliminate the shortage of classrooms, to make teacher's salaries competitive, and to lift the quality of instruction."--"Our crucial needs at this level have intensified and our deficiencies have grown more critical. No task before our nation is more important.

President John F. Kennedy

What does this mean to you? It means that the future of the teaching profession is bright. Belatedly the nation is becoming aware that an educated people is necessary to the survival of the nation. Our most gifted teachers have been hired away from teaching positions by big business which has been able to offer them much more than they could earn in the school room.

Almost too late this nation has been awakened by Russia to the realization that without adequately trained scientists and scientific technicians this nation could lose its place as a first rate power, or even worse, it could become a subjugated nation under Russian rule.

We must have good teachers, and we must also urge our gifted students to go into the scientific field. In doing so we should not neglect the cultural studies, but for the present they must take second place. Foreign languages are becoming more necessary with the increased need for nations to understand each other. Russian, French, and Chinese are becoming important languages for study as the need for intercommunication grows more pressing.

Do not let money be your only criterion in selecting a profession. President Kennedy said, "Think not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Think carefully; assess your abilities honestly; choose wisely.

MADELINE FRENCH

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YEARBOOK STAFF

The "Dirigo" Staff is made up of the senior and junior classes. A great deal of work went into the yearbook this year.

In October, we spent our two days Teachers' Convention selling ads in nearby towns.

This year the yearbook was printed by the American Yearbook Company of Hannibal, Missouri. All the pictures were taken by Longley Studios and for the first time the "Dirigo" has hard covers.

We would like to thank our advisor, Miss Simpson, for her time and help in making our book possible.

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SENIOR CLASS

CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . . Halsey McDonough

Vice-President . . . . Martin LaCasce

Secretary . . . . . Linda Rogers

Treasurer . . . . . Gloria Fecteau

CLASS MOTTO

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole"

CLASS COLORS

Light Blue and Dark Blue

CLASS FLOWER

Pink Rose

SENIORS

CLAIRE M. BRUCE
Nickname -- "Porkchop"

Ambition -- Nurse

Class Part --
Co-First Honor Essay

"He who sows courtesy reaps friendship; he who plants kindness gathers love."

Basketball 1,2,3; Cheerleader 2, 3, All-Star cheerleader 3; Alternate Cheerleader 11; Letter in Sports 1,2,3; Athletic Association 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,4; President of Glee Club 4; Band 1,2,3; Class Treasurer 2; Senior Play 4; "Dirigo," Junior Copy Editor 3; "Dirigo," Editor-in-Chief; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; D.A.R. Candidate 4; Class Secretary 1; Student Council 4.

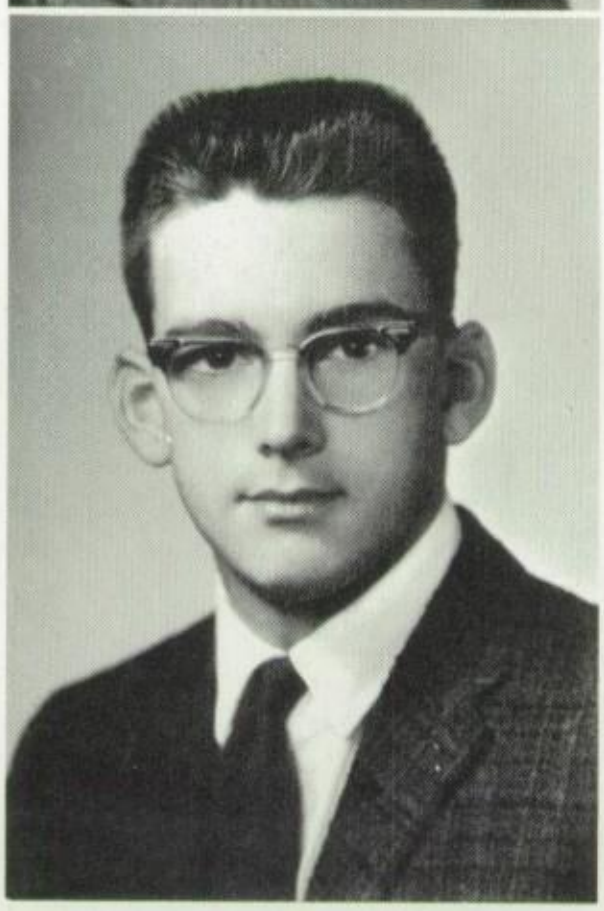
GLORIA A. FECTEAU
Nickname -- "Glo"

Ambition --
Laboratory Technician

Class Part --
Co-Valedictorian

"We need not be concerned over how we die if we live honestly."

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2, 3,4; Letter in Sports 1,2,3,4; All-Star Cheerleader 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Athletic Association 3,4; Secretary of A.A., 4; Prize Speaking 1; Class Treasurer 1,3,4; "Dirigo" Junior Business Manager 3, Business Manager 4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; Majorette 1,2,4; Senior Play 4.



RONALD E. FRENCH
Nickname -- "Ronnie"

Ambition -- Chef

Class Part --
Co-First Honor Essay

"No matter what your lot in life may be, build something on it."

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3, 4; Cross Country 1,2; Class Vice-President 2; Athletic Association 4; President of A.A. 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; "Dirigo" Junior Sports Editor, 3; Sports Editor 4; Perfect Attendance 1,4.

MARTIN G. LaCASCE
Nickname -- "Marty"

Ambition -- Navy

Class Part -- Will

"To have a friend you must be a friend."

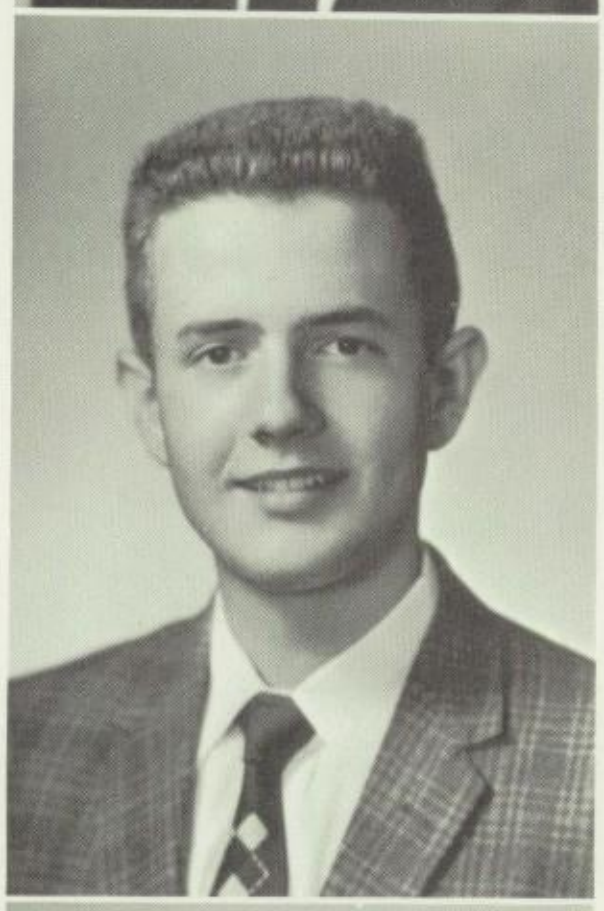
Cross Country 1,2; Basketball 1, 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Letter in Sports 1,2,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Class Vice-President 2,4; Letter in Band 3; Senior Play 4; K.V. Band 1,2; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3; "Dirigo" Junior Photography Editor 3, Photography Editor 4; Vice-President Band 4; Glee Club 1.

HALSEY W. McDONOUGH
Nickname -- "Hals"

Ambition -- Doctor

Class Part --
Co-Valedictorian

"A woman's mind ought to be cleaner than a man's, she cleans it so much oftener."



Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2, 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Letter in Band 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Class President 2,4; "Dirigo" Junior Alumni Editor 3, Alumni Editor 4; Senior Play 4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3.

LINDA M. ROGERS
Nickname -- "Kid"

Ambition --
Laboratory Technician

"A woman's mind ought to be cleaner than a man's; she changes it so much more often."

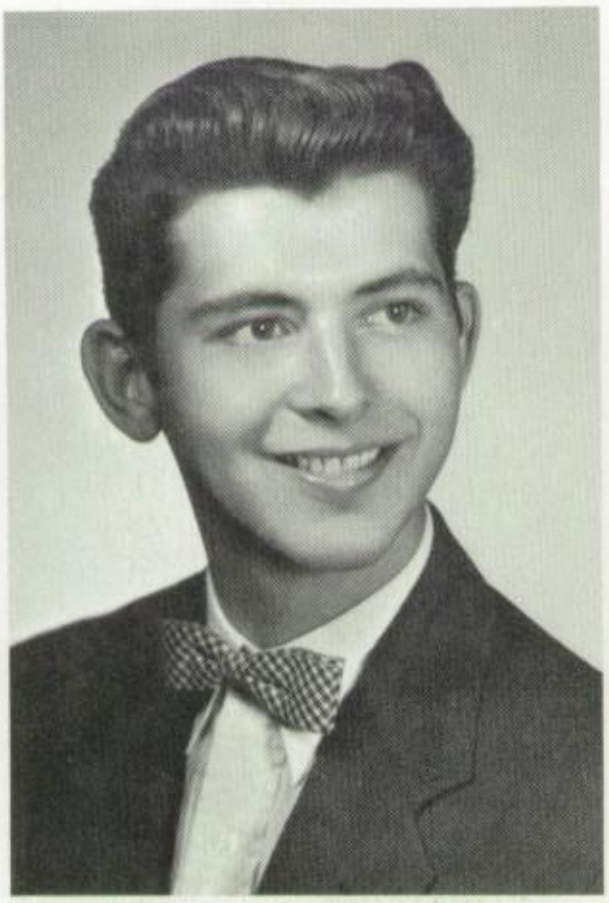
Basketball Manager 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Honor Roll 1,2,3; Class President 1; Class Secretary 2,3,4; Student Council 4, Reporter 4; Junior Circulation Manager 3, Circulation Manager 4; Senior Play 4; Perfect Attendance 1,3.

WILLIAM F. ROGERS
Nickname -- "Billyum"

Ambition -- Commercial Artist

Class Part --
Second Honor Essay

"Tis love that makes the world go round."



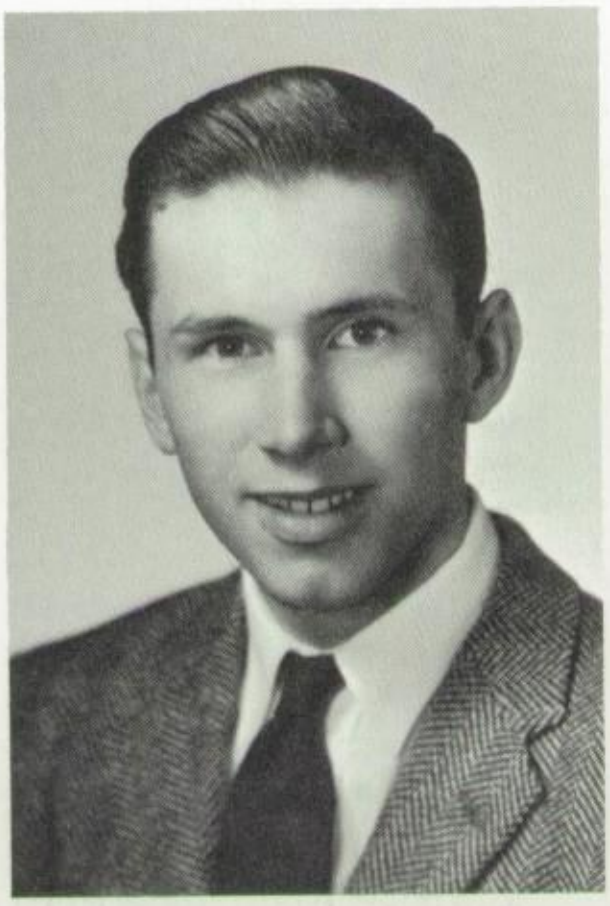
Vice President 1; Cross Country 1; Baseball 1,4; Honor Roll; Letter in sports 1,4; Band 1,2,3,4; K.V. Band 2,3; Letter in Band 3; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; Class President 3; Student Council 4; Student Council President 4; Junior Alumni Editor 3, Senior Editor 4; Honor Roll 1; Band President 4; Glee Club 1; Senior Play 4.

CHESTER L. WARREN, JR.
Nickname -- "Chet"

Ambition -- Go to Hawaii

Class Part -- Prophecy

"Nothing has put so many men on their feet as an alarmblock."



Junior Advertising Manager 3, Advertising Manager 4; Perfect Attendance 3; Senior Play 4; Glee Club 1,2; Prize Speaking 1.

CLASSES

FIRST ROW: Mr. Dean, Advisor, B. Shaw, R. French, S. Hartley, N. Ward. SECOND ROW: H. Wood, H. Goodwin, R. Wood, N. Mayhew, L. McCarty. THIRD ROW: B. Baiko, L. Brown, C. Lane, S. Sidell.

JUNIOR CLASS

There are thirteen members in the junior class this year, four girls and nine boys. During the year, various activities have been conducted to raise funds.

Two members of the class, Norman Ward and Barbara Baiko, were on the honor roll at the first ranking period and again at midyear.

Seven juniors were on the varsity basketball squad. They were Roger Wood, Randall French, Steve Hartley, Harold Wood, Barbara Baiko, Sharril Sidell and Beatrice Shaw. Roger and Barbara were cheerleaders and Sharril Sidell was alternate.

Norman Ward and Barbara Baiko were chosen as junior representatives to the Student Council. Roger Wood and Barbara Baiko were on the Athletic Association.

Beatrice Shaw and Steven Hartley were the junior candidates for the king and queen of Solon's March of Dimes dance. Beatrice was chosen queen of Solon and advanced to Skowhegan, where she was second place queen of the county. Steve was runner-up king of Solon.

. . . OFFICERS . . .

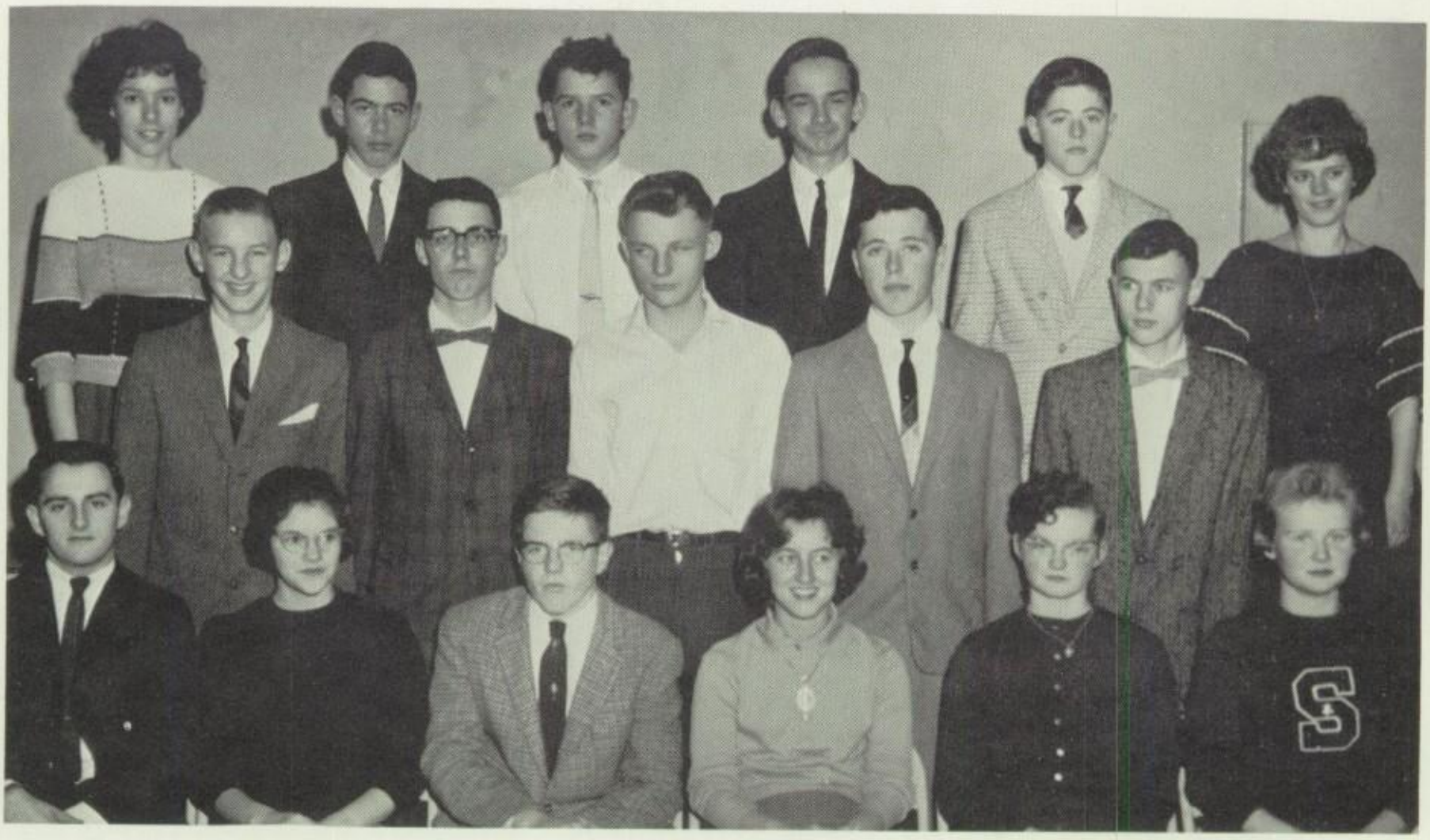
President . . . . . Randall French

Vice President . . . . . Norman Ward

Secretary . . . . . Beatrice Shaw

Treasurer. . . . . Steven Hartley

Advisor . . . . . Mr. Ranmond Dean



FIRST ROW: Mr. Leary, M. Hartley, J. Mc Donough, E. Waugh, C. Hayden, J. Brown. SECOND ROW: R. Tuscan, J. Rogers, R. Lightbody, G. Rogers, S. Withers. THIRD ROW: D. Rastrom, D. Meader, D. La-Casce, J. Merril, G. Rogers, V. Shaw.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

We started out with nineteen members nd lost one during the year, Eben Berry.

Members participating in band are: udy Brown, Jim McDonough. Those on ne basketball teams are: Vesta Shaw, esiree Rastrom, Mary Helen Hartley, udy Brown, Shirley Hanson, Dick Meader, ary Rogers, Jim McDonough, Ray uscan, Jim Merril and Stephen Withers. esta Shaw and Mary Helen Hartley are heerleaders.

We have two representatives to the tudent council: Jim McKonough and Dick leader.

Our king and queen candidates for the larch of Dimes were Gary Rogers and velyn Waugh.

Also there is one member participating in the Senior play, Mary Helen Hartley

We have had a car wash, food sale, and also sold name pins to members of the school.

CLASS OFFICERS:

Jim McDonough. . . . . President

Dick Meader . . . . . V-President

Mary Hartley. . . . . Secretary

Roger Lightbody . . . . . Treasurer

FIRST ROW: A. Gleason, A. French, R. Meader, J. Tewksbury, M. Dube. SECOND ROW: D. Lane, M. Giguere, R. Poulin, L. White, W. Partridge, J. Baxter, Miss Simpson. THIRD ROW: G. Safford, R. Padham, P. Cates, D. Heald, G. Dube.

FRESHMAN CLASS

The Freshman started the year off with sixteen members, five girls and eleven boys.

We lost one of the members by death. At the end of the first term we gained another student Raymond Poulin who moved here from Provence of Quebec Canada.

We met in September to elect our class officers. We have had various activities to enrich our treasury.

Jacky Tewksbury, is the only member of our class that belongs to the band.

The four members of our class who have perfect attendance for the first half of the year are David Heald, Bob Meader, Lester White and Ann French.

Jacky Tewksbury, Ann French and Bob Meader play on the basketball teams.

CLASS OFFICERS:

Bob Meader . . . . . President

Lester White . . . . . V. President

Jacky Tewksbury . . . . . Treasurer

Ann French . . . . . Secretary

FIRST ROW: G. Foss, L. Baiko, T. Cahill, P. Heustis, Miss Simpson. SECOND ROW: L. Piper, M. Rogers, J. Perry, E. Witham, W. Brown, G. Withers. THIRD ROW: A. Mayhew, E. Heath, R. Poulin.

EIGHTH GRADE

There are ten boys and three girls in our class including two new members, John Perry and Richard Poulin.

In the attempt of making money we have had two fudge sales and one food sale. We will evidently have other activities for making money.

One of our members, Lowell Piper, plays in the band. Two of our members, Terry Cahill and Gary Withers are Student Council representatives.

CLASS OFFICERS:

Terry Cahill . . . . . President

Alden Mayhew . . . . . V-President

Glenda Foss . . . . . Secretary

Gary Withers . . . . . Treasurer

AS THEY USED TO BE

Linda

Bill

Chester

Martin

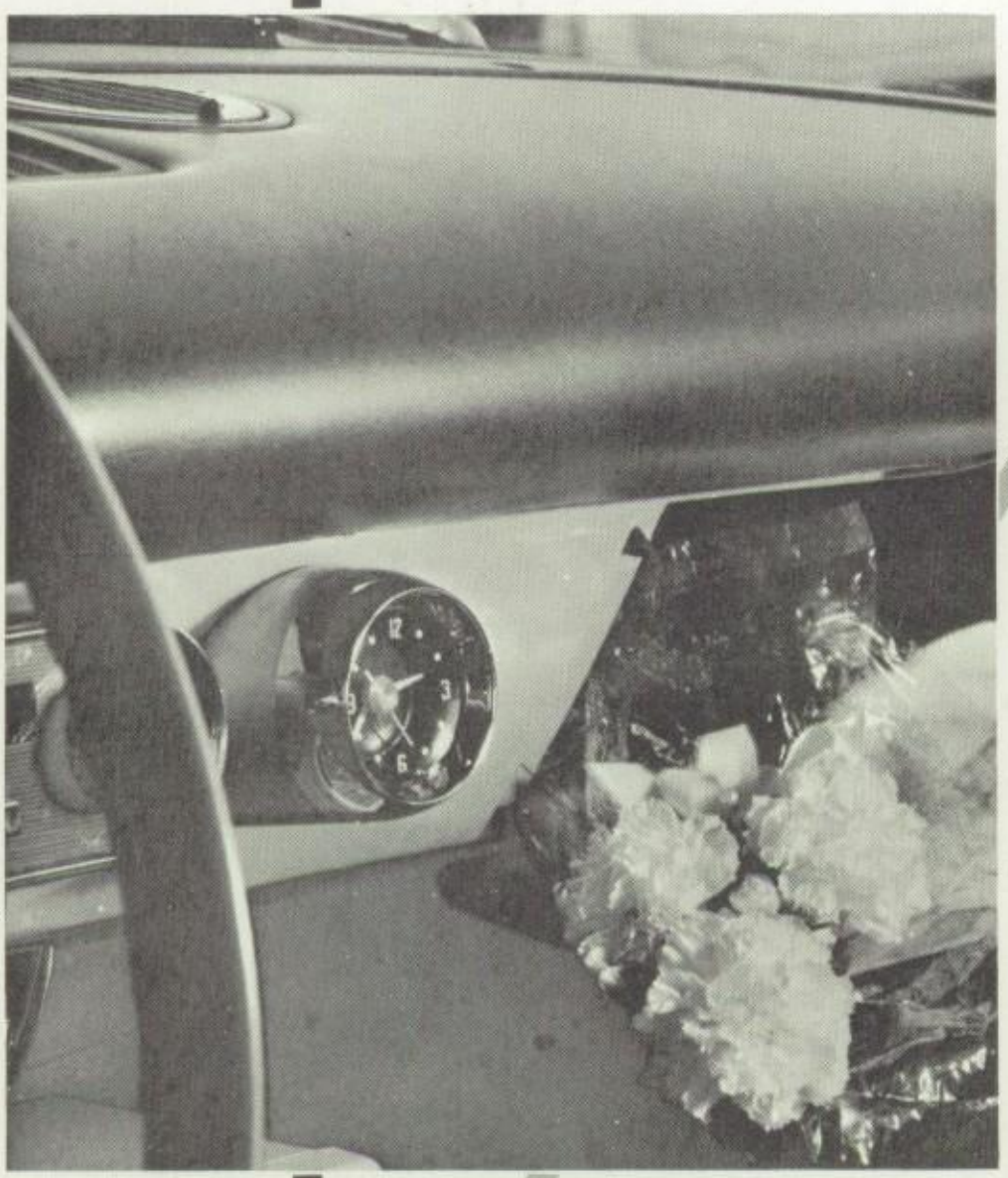
Linda

Halsey

Ronnie

Claire

Gloria



ACTIVITIES

BOYS' BASKETBALL

FIRST ROW: Randy French, Bob Meader, Roger Wood, Roger Lightbody, Dick Meader, Ronnie French, and Harold Wood. SECOND ROW: Jim McDonough, Jim Merrill, Martin LaCasce, Ray Tuscan, Steve Hartley, Halsey McDonough, Gary Rogers, Steve Withers, and Coach Raymond Leary.

Through the efforts of a young, but very capable coach, Ray Leary, the Wildcats ended up third in U.K.V.C. with a win-loss record of 9-5.

We were honored to have the league's leading scorer among us, Roger Wood, and its fifth, Dick Meader.

We won our first tournament game with Harmony, but lost our second to the league champs, North Anson.

Dick Meader represented us in foul shooting. Roger Wood and Dick Meader were chosen to represent us in All-Stars.

The Wildcats are looking forward to an even better season next year.

Pictured here are members of the Junior High basketball team that won all their games this year. They also won the Hartland Invitational Tournament. Terry Cahill won the honor of being chosen one of the eight outstanding players. Congradulations!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

FIRST ROW: Beatrice Shaw, Desiree Rastrom, Sharril Sidell, Barbara Baiko, Vesta Shaw, and Ann French.
SECOND ROW: Manager Linda Rogers, Judy Brown, Jacqueline Tewksbury, Gloria Fecteau, Mary Helen Hartley, Coach Francis Bean.

The Solon girls' team has worked very hard this year in an attempt to win some games. They came through with a 3-11 league record.

The girls were coached this year by Mr. Francis Bean, Principal of the High School. Under his direction, the girls have progressed very much over that year. Our thanks go to Mr. Bean.

The team consisted of one senior, three juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen. Members of the squad were: Gloria Fecteau, Barbara Baiko, Beatrice Shaw, Sharril Sidell, Vesta Shaw, Judy Brown, Shirley Hanson, Desiree Rastrom, Mary Helen Hartley, Ann French and Jacqueline Tewksbury.

Our manager, Linda Rogers, has been as trustworthy this year as she has been all her four years as Solon High's girls' basketball manager. We certainly will miss Linda next year.

Sharrill Sidell and Barbara Baiko were co-captains of the team this year.

Barbara Baiko was chosen as All-Star.

High scorer was Beatrice Shaw, with 108. Second high was Barbara Baiko with 91. Then came Jacqueline Tewksbury with 72 and Mary Helen Hartley with 70.

CHEERLEADERS

FIRST ROW: Gloria Fecteau, Mary Helen Hartley, Barbara Baiko, Head Cheerleader, Vesta Shaw, and Beatrice Shaw.

The cheering squad consists of five members. Veteran members were Barbara Baiko, Gloria Fecteau, and Beatrice Shaw. Vesta Shaw and Mary Helen Hartley were the two new members.

Barbara Baiko was elected head cheerleader by the boy's and girl's basketball teams.

Sharril Sidell was chosen as the alternate cheerleader, and had an opportunity to cheer in all but one of the basketball games.

The Athletic Association bought some red woolen material from which we made new cheering uniforms. The skirts were pleated with a fringe and horse pin on the front. Our vests were reversible with the red material on one side and a red and white check on the other side. We also had white roll up sleeve blouses and white shoes and stockings.

We got five new megaphones this year. One was painted white for the head cheerleader, and the others were painted red.

STUDENT COUNCIL

FIRST ROW: N. Ward, B. Baiko, W. Rogers, L. Rogers, J. McDonough, SECOND ROW: G. Withers, R. Meader, C. Bruce, T. Cahill, A. French, R. Padham.

President . . .
William Rogers

Vice President . . .
Norman Ward

Secretary . . .
Barbara Baiko

Treasurer . . .
James McDonough

Recorder . . .
Linda Rogers

Advisor . . .
Mr. Francis Bean

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

FIRST ROW: R. Meader, G. Fecteau, M. Hartley, R. French. SECOND ROW: Mr. Leary, B. Baiko, R. Wood, R. Meader, V. Shaw, Mr. Bean.

President . . .
Ronald French

Vice President . . .
Richard Meader

Secretary . . .
Gloria Fecteau

Treasurer . . .
Mary Helen Hartley

Advisor . . .
Mr. Francis Bean

FIRST ROW: D. Hall, S. Piper, L. Piper, H. McDonough, J. Brown SECOND ROW: B. Brown, M. La-Casce, L. Rogers, G. Hayden, A. Myers, THIRD ROW: L. Burbank; Director, B. Rogers, J. Tewksbury, J. McDonough, B. McDonough.

BAND

The Band, now in its tenth year, has decreased to fourteen in number. It is a loss of seven over last year. We have gained seven members this year and seven of the members are in high school.

The Band began this year under the direction of a new conductor, Mr. Loen Burbank of Solon. Under his direction we have completed many new numbers and hope to accomplish many more before the year is finished.

So far this year the Band has participated in a School rally, a Christmas program, and a program at the Grange. We plan to attend the Eastern Maine Music Festival in the Spring.

BAND OFFICERS ARE:

Bill Rogers . . . . . President

Martin LaCasce . . . . . Vice-President

Jacky Tewksbury . . . . . Sec.-Trea.

James McDonough . . . . . Librarian

FIRST ROW: J. Brown, B. Shaw, M. Hartley, D. Rastrom, C. Bruce. SECOND ROW: Mr. Burbank, G. Safford, E. Waugh, A. Gleason, A. French. THIRD ROW: J. Merrill, D. Lane, V. Shaw, C. Hayden, R. Tuscan.

GLEE CLUB

There are twelve girls and four boys in chorus this year.

We have been practicing the songs: The Bells of St. Mary's and While By My Sheep, both of which we sang at the Teachers' Reception and the Christmas program. We are now practicing others which we will sing at the Music Festival in May.

THE OFFICERS ARE:

President . . . . . Claire Bruce

Vice President . . . . . Mary Hartley

Secretary . . . . . Evelyn Waugh

Treasurer. . . . . Ann French

SENIOR PLAY

FIRST ROW: Martin LaCasce, Linda Rogers, Gloria Fecteau, Chester Warren. SECOND ROW: Claire Bruce, William Rogers, Mary Helen Hartley, Barbara Baiko.

On March 23, the Senior Class, along with the help of a few underclassmen, presented a three-act mystery-comedy, "Meet My Ghost," by Al W. Clark at the Town Hall.

Under the direction of Miss Dawn Simpson, the play cast worked very hard to learn their lines. The play had to be postponed once on account of sickness.

The stage hands were Halsey McDonough, Ronnie French and Chester Warren. Steve Hartley sold tickets.

The cast was as follows:

Mrs. Graves . . . . . Linda Rogers

George Graves . . . . . Roger Wood

Mr. Kennedy . . . . . Martin LaCasce

Joe Dobbs . . . . . William Rogers

Slip Martin . . . . . Gloria Fecteau

Hedda Joyce . . . . . Barbara Baiko

Cordelia Olds . . . . . Claire Bruce

Paddles . . . . . Mary Helen Hartley

BASEBALL

FIRST ROW: Donald LaCasce, Martin LaCasce, William Rogers, Ronald French, and Philip Cates. SECOND ROW: James Merrill, Gary Rogers, Roger Wood, Steven Hartley, Halsey McDonough, and Coach Raymond Leary. THIRD ROW: Richard Meader, Robert Meader, Harold Wood, James McDonough, and Randy French.

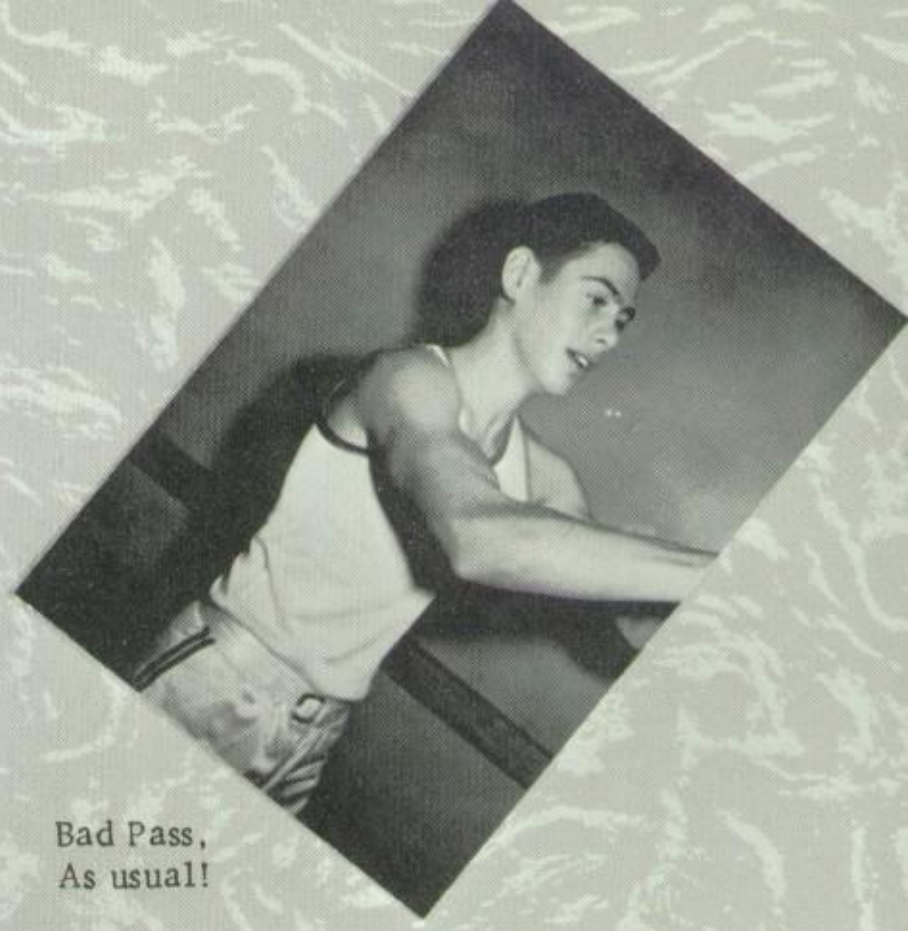
Under our talented coach, Ray Leary, we are expecting to develop a strong team for the 1962 season.

The returning veterans are Richard Meader, Randy French, and Gary Rogers.

This will be a building year for Solon, but we expect to do a fine job because we have many prominent players coming up.

Sink it in!

I had a little drink about an hour ago---!!!!



Bad Pass, As usual!

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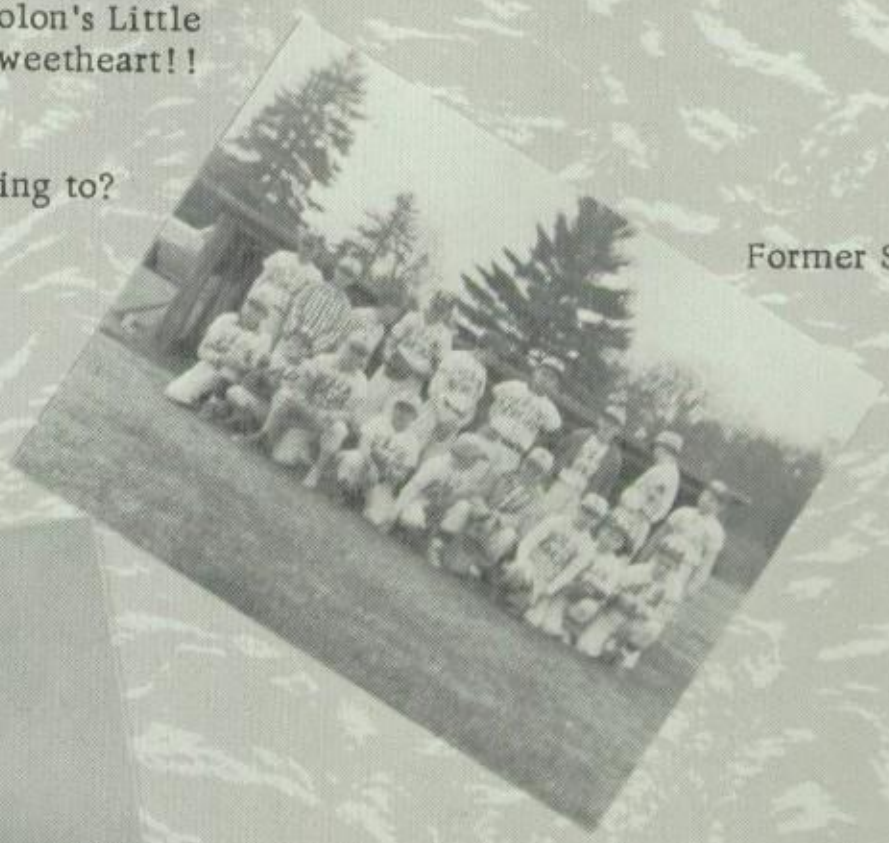
Woops! Missed Again

What's this world coming to?

Solon's Little Sweetheart!!

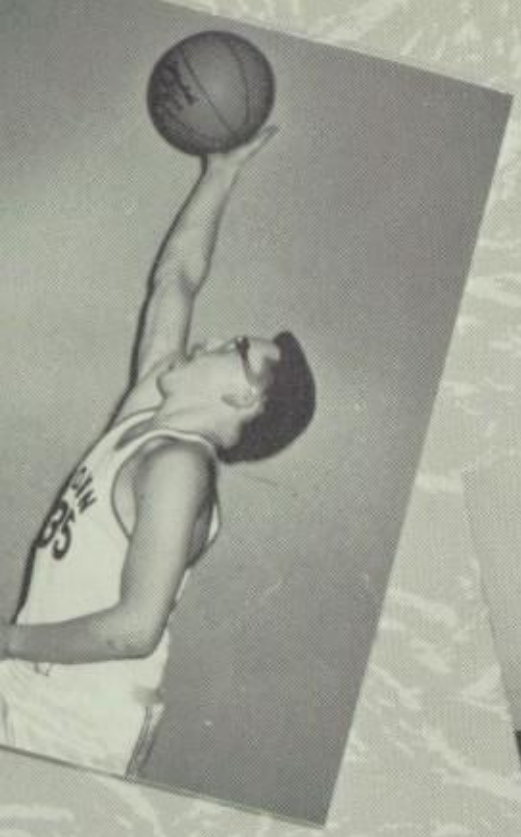


Former Stars

PADIDDLE!!!!!

p, peep!

Listen here basket!

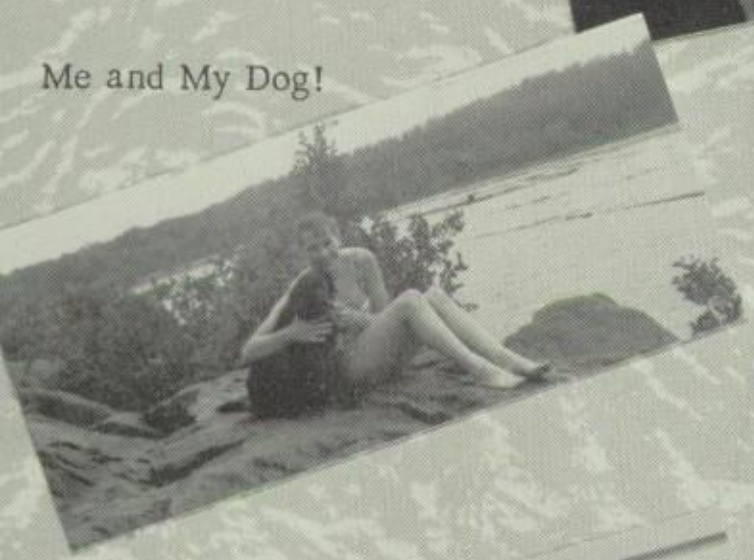


Big Senior!

All-Stars

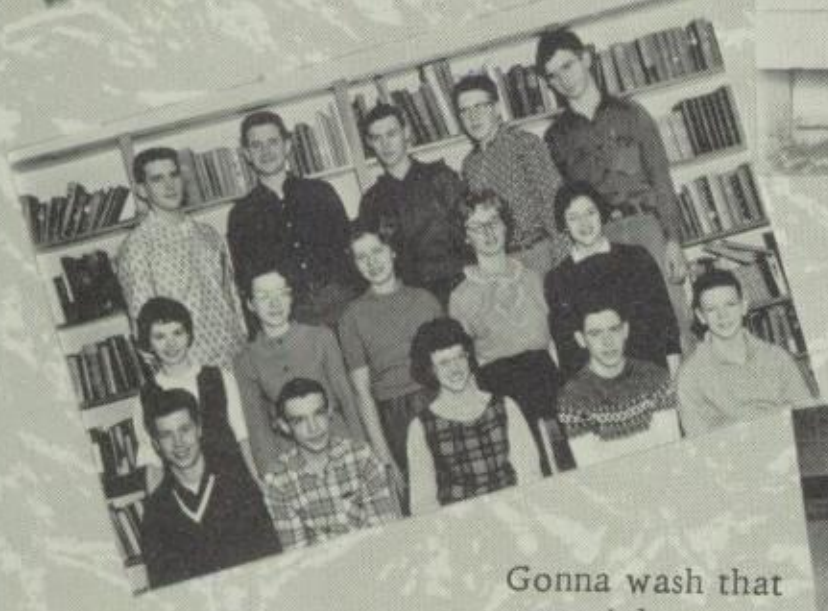
Is this how it's done?

ZORRO!



Me and My Dog!

Jump 'er high!

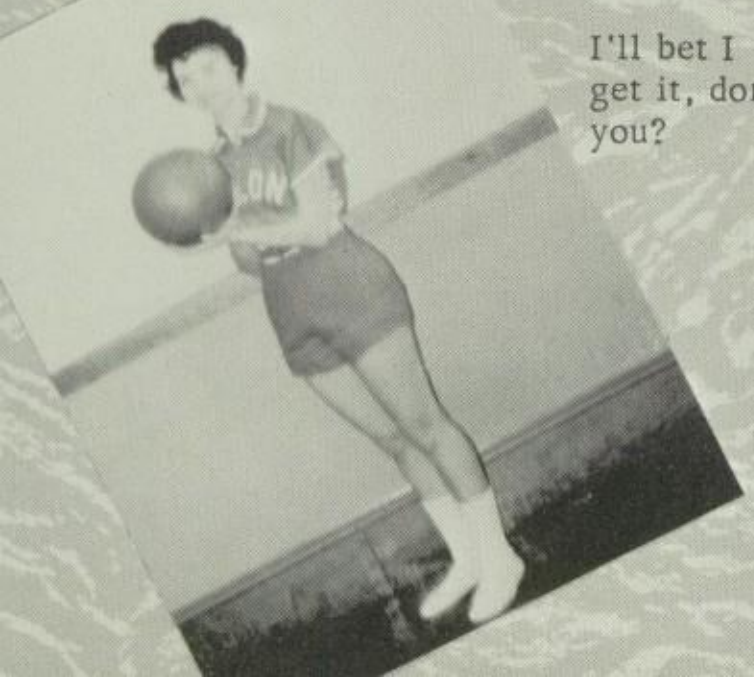


Honor Roll

Gonna wash that man right out of my hair!

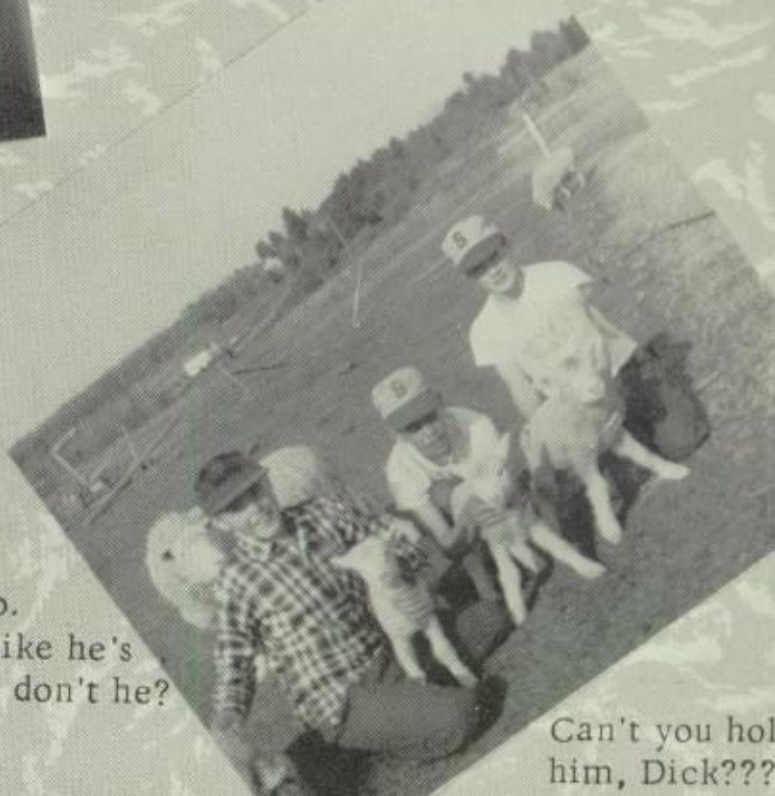
Look Mary Helen!!

Nice Kitty!



I'll bet I get it, don't you?

Big Bob. Looks like he's posing, don't he?



Can't you hol him, Dick???

LITERARY

AN OPEN LETTER TO YOUR SENATOR

Solon, Maine
R.F.D. #1

Hon. Maggie Smith
Washington

Dear Maggie,

How be ya? I and my fembly be fine.

Now this here letter is important and if'n the advice in it is follered exactly the whole crooked government can be set plumb strate. I was going to write to the presidint but seein as how hes one of the doggoned chowderhead democrats, I didnt figger he probably had sense enough to read.

Now pay strikt attintion to whut I has to say. First off theres taxes. Now I know the govermint has got to have taxes to stay in bisness and to pay yore salary. But why has you dad-balmed critters got to draw sech high wages? There be more diffrent kinds of taxes in this country than 2 men can shake hands over. You went to work and put sech a high tax on likker that a man cant a ford to buy it no more an ifn he goes to make his own he gets arrested. And you done the same thing with gasolene. Put sech a high tax on it a man cant a ford to but it. And ifn he goes to make his own he cant get his gol-durned auto - mobile to start.

I tell you Maggie this aint the kind of country George Washington intended for it to be.

Then when it comes to politicians and sech as sheriffs and judges. The govermint has got more doggoned crooked democrats in it than Carters has got liver pills. I could name some of them cornsarned crittets whats so crooked they maked Jesse James look like Little Red Riding Hood.

This here state has got more ornery cops whut wastes more taxpayers money tradin cars that General Motors has hard work making em fast enuff.

And then theres more dad-blamed state forest inspecters and sech whut rides all over the country side in pickup trucks and makes more money in 2 weeks than the average taxpay makes in 2 years. I tell you Maggie somebody high up in the govermint done faild in high school mathematics.

And how the cornsarned sheriffs and game wardens get appointed is beyond

me. Half the sheriffs is former bootleggers and half the game-wardens live on deer meat the year round. Thers so many of them cussed game wardens hanging around dark. While Norman Mayhew who lives on the other side of town has got so much illegal deer meat hanging up in his shed that he has to sit up nights eating it. I tell you Maggie I never see the likes of sech goings on.

And another thing, I don't like these elections. Last November, when I went up to the Town Hall to vote fer you, they was a mess of folks sitting behind a table. 'A when I walked by a man passed me a dad-blamed sheet of paper what had these letters spalled actoss the top of it, "Literacy Test." I ast the critter whut he wanted me to do with that.

I says, "This ain't a ballot sheet. One of them has got 6 letters acrost the top of it. This one's got 12."

And he says, "I knlow. That's to show us whether you can read and write or not. Write smmething on that paper."

So I hauled out my pencil and put an "X" on it. and I says, "That's my signature."

And he says, "Is that all you can write?"

And I says "That's all you need to write on a ballot."

An he says, "You cant vote then."

And I says, "Why not? Ibe 68 years old, ain't that age enuff?"

And he says, "Because it's agin the law. And because you wouldn't know who you was voting for if you can't read."

So I says, "Well I can count an I know how many letters they is in republican an how many they is in democrat."

And he didn't say no more. He just come out from behind that table and grabbed me by one arm and the sheriff comes from some wheres and grabs me by the other arm and I landed in the middle of the street. I thought you'd be interested to know of all the devilish goings on in this neck of the woods so's you could do something about it.

Yours truly,
A rural cornstetch youant

P.S.
One thing that is good about his govermint, that's the schools. My son wrote these letter fer me. All the credit fer ths good wrtin an spelling goes to Solon High School.

Norman Ward
'63

A LESSON I LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE

The critical day was the twenty-ninth of August, nineteen hundred and sixty-one. This was the day I was to blow up a Heinz Soup kitchen.

Everything went as usual this morning, the four of us in the quad got up at eleven-fifteen, just in time mind you, to go to lunch. As usual, all four of us wanted to be at the lavatory. At once, but by ten of twelve we were off down the hill for lunch.

After lunch we all went down to the point to sun ourselves and to take a swim. Being the last week of work we were all a little tired so one or two of us fell asleep. When we awoke it was three fifteen and time for us to go to our cabin to change into our uniforms for work. This was another mad dash for the lavatory plus hunting for aprons and shoes. At one minute past four we came into the "Shanty" ready to clean our stations and to serve our "People."

About ten after seven the theater crowd started to come, and by twenty after eight everyone had left the tables. I had station four, and because of this I had only two or three tables to clear. (Station four is a slow station.)

The play broke early this week so at ten-fifteen I checked the coffee to see that we had three full pots and also to see if the creamer was filled for the after-the-theater rush. We needed one more pot of coffee so I asked Joanne to make this while I filled the creamer.

At ten thirty-two the people came streaming in to order hot coffee and sandwiches. As I said earlier, station four is usually slow, but during this rush all six of my tables filled up at once. I took water to all of my "people" then took all of their orders. All of the ice cream and soda orders I took to the fountain at once. Then I went to the kitchen with the rest of my orders and back out to the dining room to pour my coffee.

Out of about eighteen orders one woman wanted tea! As you know, there are three things a waitress hates to serve, they are: tea, sanka and soup, because we have to make all three ourselves.

I got my little tea pot and tea bag ready while I was waiting for my orders, but when I wanted the hot water there wasn't a drop. The fastest way I knew to heat water for a pot of tea was to put the water in the small electric Heinz Soup kitchen pan. I plugged the pan in and set the timer while I was in the

dining room serving my orders I heard the timer go off. Naturally the water wouldn't boil in three minutes, so someone set the timer for another three minutes.

While I was serving my orders the woman who wanted the tea changed her mind and wanted a milk shake.

By this time most everyone was ready for their checks and after they left I began to clear my tables. All of a sudden I heard a bang in the kitchen and thought one of the girls had fallen down. About that time I had my tray loaded with dishes and went out to the kitchen. I could smell smoke, and it smelt like some kind of electrical appliance was on fire. After I set my tray down, I could see the smoke pouring out of the soup kitchen and the insulated soup pan bent out-of shape on the floor.

One of the girls there at the time said that the pan was blown out of the socket, and I saw where a can of pea soup had landed across the kitchen.

At this point I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. At first I was so scared I cried, but then the cook said it wasn't my fault that the switch had stuck. By that time I felt better, or thought I did, and the situation struck me as being funny. I guess it was because I was so tired and the whole thing struck me so funny that I went into hysterics.

Let me tell you, I learned from that experience not to fool with electrical appliances or to depend on other people.

Claire Bruce
'62

GOOD OLD MRS. TUBS

During the first quarter of the basketball game, this jolly, chubby lady sits calmly in the bleachers. She is thinking to herself, "I must pay attention to those referees. If they do anything against dear old Middletown High, I'll give them a piece of my mind!"

So there she sits, frowning, mumbling to herself and watching the referees.

Just before the whistle ends the first quarter, the referee calls a foul on Johnny. She hadn't seen the foul made so she bellows,

"What'sa matta? Scared they're gonna beat ya?"

Now the second quarter approaches us. Lady Tubs is still sitting high in the bleachers. Fouls are being made left and right. You can't imagine what she is thinking! Her fists are doubling; her face is reddening; the veins in her neck and forehead are almost ready to burst!!

Oh oh! Jimmy was just foulded out.

"Why you *#?! referee! What in E!@ ails you? He was just defending himself against those, those, ---those wildcats."

Little did she know that Solon's nickname was "Wildcats."

Now the whistle sounds and it is halftime.

Grunting and groaning, she picks up her huge mass of a body and waddles down to the refreshment stand. She orders five hot dogs, six bottles of pop, and some peanuts. As she goes back to her seat, people move out of her way without a word.

"They'd better move," she thinks, "if they don't want to be shoved!"

One poor, defenseless boy stands in her way. With a mighty sway of her hip the boy flies and is set into orbit!! Every night at seven his mother throws him a sandwich!

During the last half of the game she swears and hollers as much as before.

And when old Middletown High is defeated, she pulls her mighty 250 pounds off the bench and hollers at the referee. He asks her to leave.

She replies, "I'll set right down. If you can pick me up I'll leave!"

Without furthur adieu, she flops her body on the bleachers and a splintering "crack" is heard. Down she tumbles and lands on the floor.

Mrs. Tubs has never been seen at a game again.

Barbara Baiko
'62

September
6 School begins
23 Sophomore car wash

October
26 Senior class pictures
27 Student Council dance
30 1st quarter tests
30 Dr. Laney gives basketball physicals

November
6 Parents' Night
10 Round Robin at North Anson
17 Basketball Ralley at Town Hall
17 1st basketball game at North Anson

December
6 Employment tests for Seniors
21 Christmas vacation starts

January
2 Christmas vacation ends
15-16 Midyears
18 Union Teachers' Meeting
18 Seniors' Supper
30 Last basketball game at Central
31 March of Dimes dance

Sharril Sidell
Chemistry lab
Typing I
Mary Helen Hartley
Shop

CALENDAR . . .

February
- 2 All Star Game at North Anson
- 8 & 10 Tournaments at Fairfield
- 16 Vacation begins
- 26 Vacation ends

March
- 2 Senior Play
- 5 Spelling Bee
- 6 N.E.D.T. and N.M.S.T. tests
- 26 3rd quarter tests

April
- 23-16 Spring vacation

May
- 12 Eastern Maine Music Festival

June
- 3 Baccalaureate
- 4 & 5 Finals
- 7 Graduation

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